

NEWS from the Parish church of St. Andrew Witchford for the community  
**(November, December and January, 2023 and 2024)**

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**SERVICES:** Unless stated otherwise, services take place at **10.00** on Sunday mornings every week. Occasionally, there may be changes to services. These will be on our Facebook page ('St. Andrew's Church Witchford') and on the church notice board. Coffee/tea and biscuits are served at the end of services. All welcome.

If you wish to arrange a baptism, wedding, or home communion please contact Denise Youngs rev.den.2009@outlook.com tel: 07951736765 and a church warden. For funerals, please contact Dr Rosemary Westwell, (01353) 663918 rjwestwell@hotmail.com; mobile: 07432342845 email@ rjwestwell@hotmail.com

*A brief message from the Priest-in-charge, Rev. Canon Mark Haworth: (read in full on Facebook):* May I wish you and your family a holy Advent, and a blessed and Happy Christmas when it comes, and do come along to a church service that suits you, whether or not in your own parish! You will find a warm welcome.

Mark

Revd Canon Mark Haworth

## SERVICES

*Morning Prayer 0930 most Wednesday mornings*

November 5 All Saints Sunday Morning Prayer

November 12 **10.45 a.m.** Remembrance Sunday

November 19 Second Sunday before Advent Morning Prayer

November 26 Christ the King Holy Communion

December 3 Advent Family Service

**December 10 The second Sunday of Advent Family Service**

**December 15 Friday 7 p.m. Carol Service**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday 4 p.m. Christingle**

December 17 The Third Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer

December 24 Christmas Eve Morning Prayer

**December 25 Monday 1000 Christmas Day Morning Prayer**

December 31 Christmas 1 Morning Prayer

January 7 Baptism of Christ Morning Prayer

January 14 Epiphany 2 Morning Prayer

January 21 Epiphany 3 Morning Prayer

## January 28 Candlemas Holy Communion

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with great regret that we will be accepting the resignation of Freddie Lawes as our second church warden on November 30<sup>th</sup>. He has been working hard for the church for which we are very grateful.

We have an excellent team of volunteer cleaners who come to the church at 1.30 p.m. on Fridays to clean the church. If interested, please contact Rosemary Westwell.

We now have a contactless donation station in the church which enables you to donate easily by use of a credit or debit card. We value your support.

Funeral/interment: Arthur Hawkins, Harvey Lewin

Baptism: Ronnie Garath Harding

Wanted:

**Organist** wanted to play on Sundays. Please contact Dr Westwell (01353) 663918 [rjwestwell@hotmail.com](mailto:rjwestwell@hotmail.com) mobile: 07432342845 if interested.

**Secretary** for the Parochial Church Council, please contact Dr Westwell if interested. (We already have a Minutes Secretary – we're looking for more help with the writing letters and some of the paperwork.)

BABY CAFE is in St Andrew's Hall Witchford Tuesdays 09.00 – 11.00 a.m. contact Irina Feldman 07838341852 [feldmanirinaonline@gmail.com](mailto:feldmanirinaonline@gmail.com)

COFFEE MORNINGS take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month 1000 -1130 in St Andrew's Hall Witchford. Cost: minimum £4 for coffee, cake and a raffle strip (no change given). The next one is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

CRAFT MORNINGS: on the second Thursday of the month. 10.30 -12.30 in St Andrew's Hall. The next one is on 9th November: [susanmaud.sm@gmail.com](mailto:susanmaud.sm@gmail.com) 07954 178560

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB usually takes place on the first Friday of the month at 12.30 in the Village Inn or in St. Andrew's Hall eating from the village take-away in Witchford. Contact Gill Brand to pay in advance (01353) 662073 mobile: 07786142289 [gill.brand007@btinternet.com](mailto:gill.brand007@btinternet.com). The next one will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**FREE FOOD** is available at the FOODSWAP on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 1130 a.m. overnight in St Andrew's Hall porch in Witchford. Please feel welcome to bring or take food. Ideally, the food will be in-date and sealed.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL may be hired at £12 per hour for locals, £15 per hour for others. Please contact the Church Hall caretaker, Jan King (01353) 658621 M:07761341325 [rule.king.uk@gmail.com](mailto:rule.king.uk@gmail.com)

THE CHURCH is also available for hire £15 per session for locals, £15 per hour for others. It seats approximately 100 people. Projector, screen, kitchen and disabled toilet available. For more information, please contact the church warden: Rosemary Westwell.

200 CLUB The Friend's 200 club welcomes new members. It costs £12 a year and you can win £20 a month (£100 in December) while supporting a good cause. Contact Dr Westwell

### FUTURE EVENTS:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Quiz night in St Andrew's Hall 7 p.m. £10 fish and chip supper. Contact Richard Tyler [Richard-j-tyler@hotmail.com](mailto:Richard-j-tyler@hotmail.com) mobile 07715176170 to enter your team.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2-4 p.m. Computer workshop with Dan Cinelli

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. lighting up of the star, St Andrew's Church, Witchford

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7 p.m. Carol Concert St Andrew's Hall, Witchford.